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1. DEPARTMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO MISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS
ON TACTICS FOR HANDLING WDC ITEM AT UPCOMING UNGA. WE
HAVE FOLLOWING INITIAL REACTION TO HOVEYDA'S PROPOSED
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COURSE OF ACTION.

2. IDEA OF RES TO CREATE NEW WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE RUNS COUNTER TO OUR VIEW THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR SUCH COMMITTEE. OUR POSITION ON WDC REMAINS UNCHANGED AND WE OPPOSE EARLY CONVENING OF WDC, SETTING OF A SPECIFIC DATE FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY MACHINERY FOR ITS PREPARATION. REASONS FOR U.S. POSITION ON THIS MATTER WERE SPELLED OUT IN DETAIL IN OUR REPLY TO SYG OF AUG. 31, 1972.

3. WE CONCUR IN HOVEYDA'S CHARACTERIZATION OF LAST YEAR'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE AS "UNWORKABLE". MOREOVER WE BELIEVE BASIC DIFFERENCES OF OPINION RE DESIRABILITY OF PROPOSED WDC REMAIN. THUS, GIVEN UNCHANGED SITUATION FROM LAST YEAR, WE FAIL TO SEE HOW REMEDIAL ACTION PROPOSED BY

HOVEYDA CAN OVERCOME BASIC SUBSTANTIVE DISAGREEMENT WHICH IS AT HEART OF MATTER.

4. HOVEYDA ARGUES THAT NEW RES, WITH NEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE, IS NEEDED TO KEEP WDC IDEA ALIVE. IF A CONSENSUS OF UNGA MEMBERS WISH, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO NOTING IN A RESOLUTION THAT A WDC COULD PLAY ROLE IN DISARMAMENT PROCESS AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

5. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT EARLY INTRODUCTION OF INITIATIVE SUCH AS THAT ENVISAGED BY HOVEYDA COULD STIMULATE, RATHER THAN HEAD OFF, RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD BE TROUBLE-SOME FOR US. THEREFORE, UNLESS MISSION PERCEIVES OBJECTION, YOU SHOULD TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO URGE HOVEYDA NOT TO PROCEED WITH ANY INITIATIVE AT THIS TIME. YOU MIGHT POINT OUT THAT SITUATION ON WDC IS CONFUSED AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO UNTIL AFTER UNGA BEGINS AND VIEWS OF COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN FORMULATED. INITIATIVE ON WDC AT THIS EARLY STAGE COULD WELL INCREASE DIFFICULTY OF FINDING ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. ROGERS

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